

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 6-10, 12-17, 20-29, 32, 34-39, 41-43 and 47 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 1-4, 6-10, 12, 14-17 and 21-23 have been allowed, for the Applicant thanks the Examiner. Claims 13, 20, 24-29, 32, 34-39, 41-43 and 47 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. No other grounds of rejection or objection have been presented. The following remarks address each ground of rejection set forth by the Examiner.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

Claims 13, 20, 24-29, 32, 34-39, 41-43 and 47, are rejected as allegedly failing to define the invention in the manner required by 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections. Specifically, the Examiner seems to reject many of the claims, claims 27 and 29 for example, for referring back to the claims from which they depend in the body of the claim, as opposed to the preamble. Applicant respectfully submits that there is simply no requirement that the reference back to a parent claim must take place within the preamble of the claim. For example, for a claim to be dependent, all that is required is, “referring back to and further limiting another claim or claims in the same application.” 37 C.F.R. § 1.75. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits the rejections of claims 27 and 29, for example, is improper.

Nevertheless, Applicant has amended the claims as set forth above. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejections be withdrawn.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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